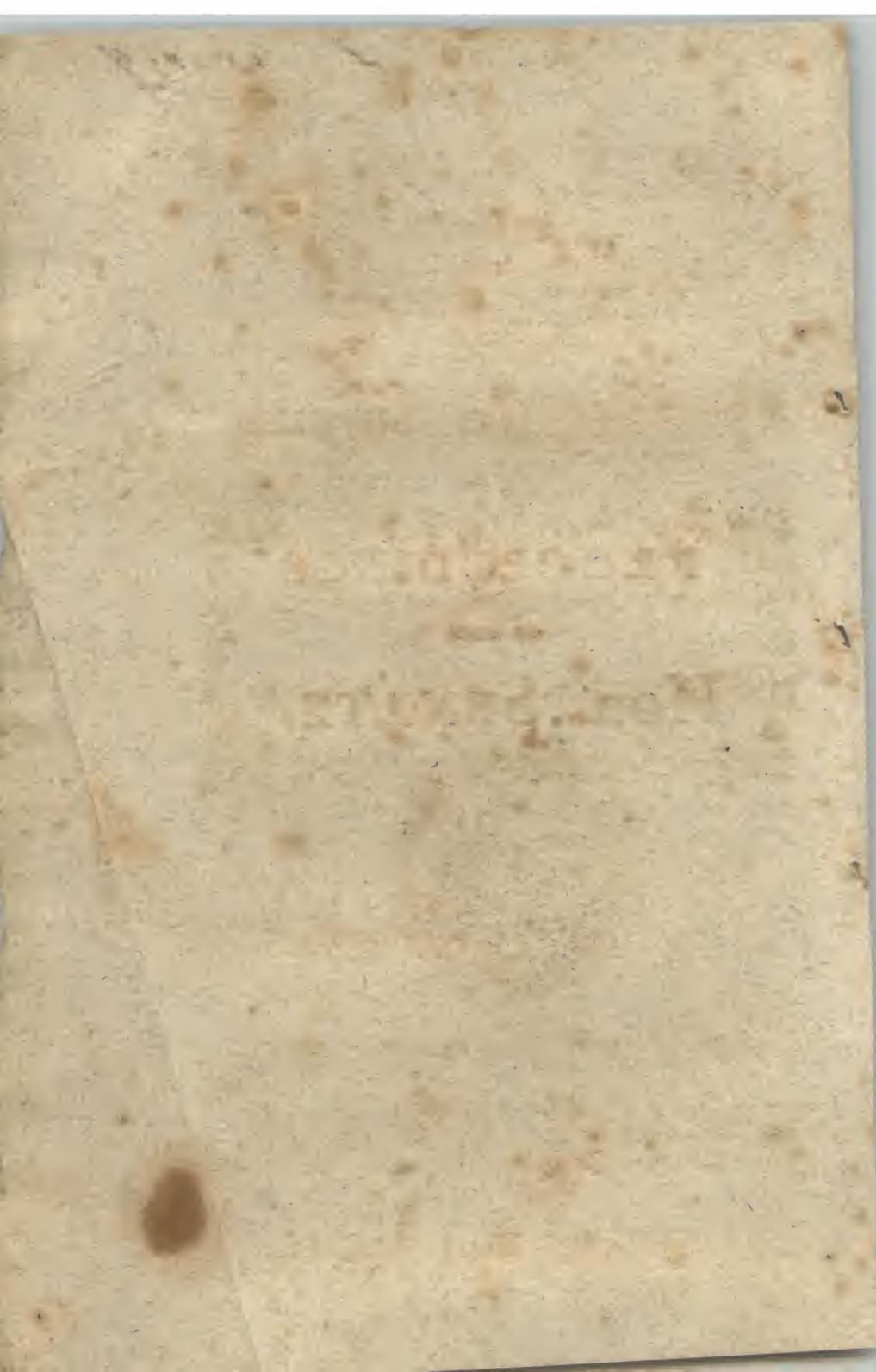


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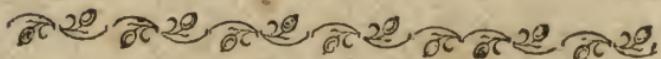
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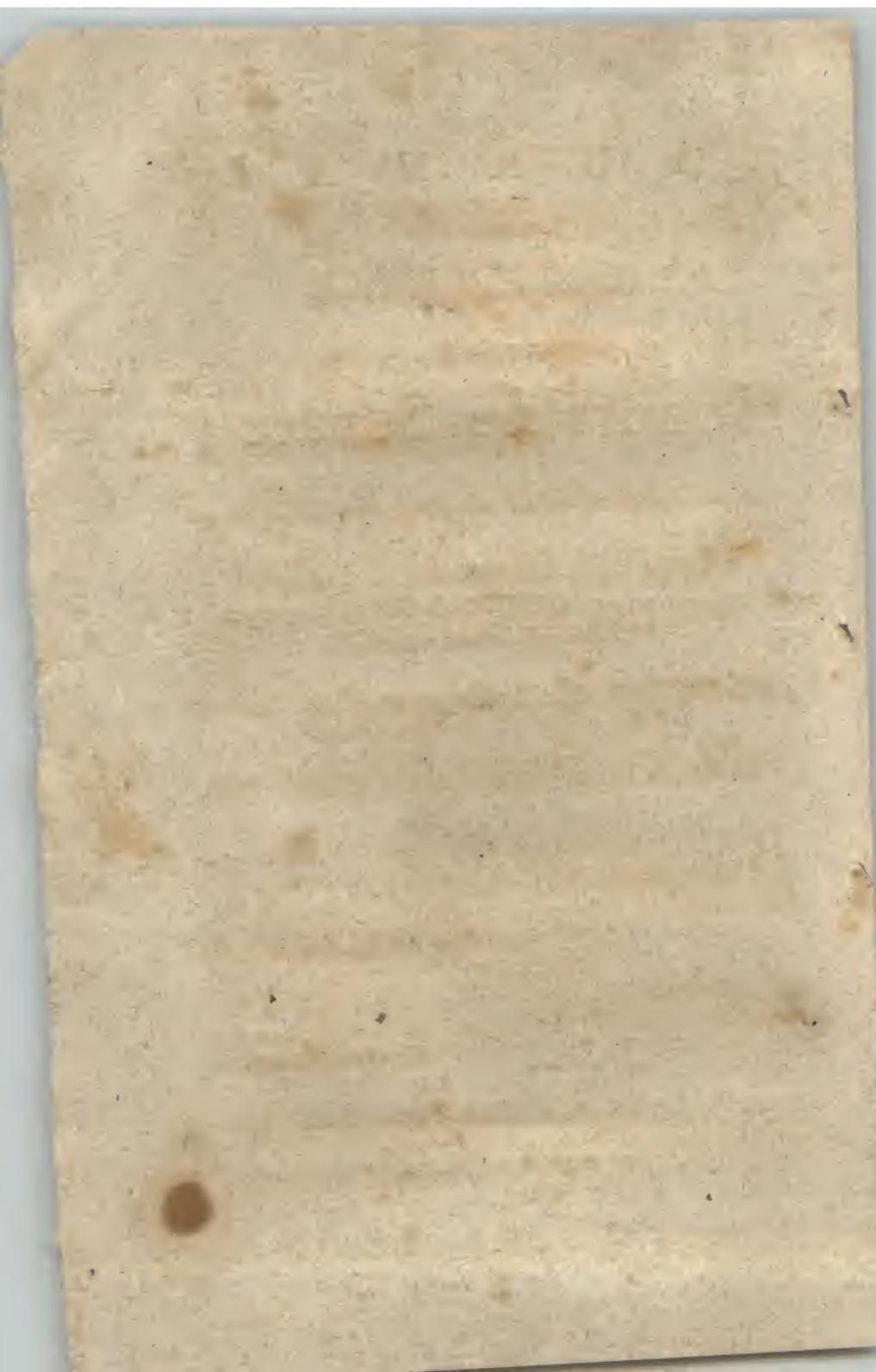
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AT A SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT, HOLDEN
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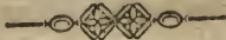
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Wednesday, November 21, 1798.

B EING the time to which the General Court stood adjourned, the following members of the Hon. Senate attended, viz.

The Honorable President SHEPARD.

Mr. BAKER,
Mr. BLANCHARD,

Mr. FLANDERS,
Mr. ORR.

There not being a quorum agreed to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

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Thursday,

Thursday, November 22, 1798,

Met according to agreement.

Present as yesterday, with the addition of Mr. M'Clary.

HERE not being a quorum, agreed to meet to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, November 23, 1798.

Met according to agreement.

Present, Mr. SHEPARD, Mr. WHITCOMB,
Mr. BAKER, Mr. ORR,
Mr. FLANDERS, Mr. HOIT and
Mr. BLANCHARD, Mr. M'CLARY,

making a quorum.

A message from the Hon. House, informed the Senate that a quorum of the House were assembled, and ready to proceed to business.

A message was then sent down to inform the House, that a quorum of the Senate, were assembled, and ready to attend to business.

Mr. Leavitt came in and took his seat.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Hon. Senate

ate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Moses Hoit and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Bridgwater, and also the petition of the selectmen and other inhabitants of New Chester,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what business was left unfinished at the last session, that is now necessary to be taken up and acted upon,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and inform him, that the legislature are assembled and ready to receive such communications as he may be pleased to make,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report their opinion what method would be most proper to furnish the legislature with a chaplain or chaplains, the present session, and most convenient hour for attending prayers,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, November 24, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

Mr. Fogg came in and took his seat,

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to receive from the Secretary the returns made from the several towns of the rateable property therein contained, examine the casting, arrange said returns in a proper schedule and lay the same before the House,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg, Mr. Hoit and Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report their opinion on the propriety of petitioning Congress for an alteration in the Constitution of the United States, respecting the qualifications of persons elected members of the legislature of the United States,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg and Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration, the act to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes, &c. passed February 22 1794, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday,

Monday, November 26, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday.

Mr. Hartwell came in and took his seat.

A VOTE that the Rev. Mr. M'Farland, be requested to officiate as chaplain to the General Court, the present session, and that he attend at nine o'clock A. M. was brought up, read and concurred: with this amendment—"that the Rev. Mr. M'Farland, be requested to officiate one half the time, and that the Rev. Mr. Evans, be requested to officiate the other half of the time and that they attend each a week alternately during the session."—Sent down for concurrence, brought up with a message that the House adhere to their vote.

Voted that the foregoing amendment be reconsidered, and that the vote of the House be concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to draught a bill to enable the several towns whose seats have become vacant in the legislature to fill up said vacancies by a new election, as soon as may be,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the propriety of clasping the towns of Middleton and Brookfield, for sending a

Representative

Representative to the General Court, and of all similar matters,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Baker and Mr. Leavitt appointed.

The committee appointed to inform His Excellency that the Legislature were assembled, and ready to receive his communications, reported that his Excellency would wait on the legislature and deliver his communications to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the Representatives chamber.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Andrew Poor,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote that the report of the committee appointed to receive of the committee who settled the Treasurers accounts all the papers received of the Treasurer, and to deface the orders and new emision money, &c. be received accepted,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, November 27, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday,

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take into consideration the existing

existing laws of this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary ; and also report what new bills they shall judge necessary to be passed the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hoit and Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote that the petition of Jacob Ashton and others, be referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the existing laws of this State, and for reporting new bills, &c.

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the committee on the propriety of petitioning Congress for an alteration in the Constitution of the United States, respecting the qualifications of persons elected members of the Legislature of said United States ; also take into their consideration the article respecting the election of President and Vice-President,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and escort him to the Representatives' chamber, the place agreed on for him to make his communications to the legislature at twelve o'clock this day,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what business is necessary to be taken up and acted upon the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Blanchard appointed.

The Senate met with the honorable House in the Representatives

presentatives' chamber, when his Excellency the Governor came in, attended by the committee appointed for that purpose, the Secretary, Treasurer and the honorable Council, and delivered the following Message, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Senate, and
Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

SELECTED by the citizens of the State and assembled at this time agreeably to your own determination, for the important purpose of promoting the general welfare; it must afford great satisfaction that our systems both of state and national government are so well adapted to this desirable end.—To redress public grievances, if any such there are, and to make laws calculated to secure the blessings of liberty and advance the happiness of the people must be a pleasing employment.

The great degree of harmony and tranquility, so apparent as it respects the internal concerns of the State must be highly gratifying, and if the welfare of the people requires an amendment of any of the laws now in force, or that new laws should be made, these circumstances must be known to their Representatives.

United with other States by a Federal compact for certain purposes, our interests are inseparably connected with that government which is endeared to us by the highly beneficial effects it has produced.

When we see a foreign nation overturning ancient systems of government without any regard to their form, extending robbery and devastation as far as their forces can reach; when we see them contemning all moral and religious obligations; despising national compacts; plundering our citizens while in pursuit of lawful commerce; insulting our government, and threatening us with the fate of nations it has degraded and destroyed;

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at such a time as this we should highly prize the blessings of good government, and determine with one voice and mind to support and defend our rights and privileges against all hostile attempts whatever.

Much of the blood and treasure of the United States of America has been expended in obtaining the right of governing themselves, in such manner as they should choose ; this great object being gained, our system of general government has been formed in as free a manner and under circumstances as favourable, perhaps more so, than that of any government which ever existed over such an extensive territory.—It is such a system as the people have chosen, may be altered when it shall be found necessary. The persons appointed to administer it, return to the class of citizens at short intervals, and others are selected in their places ; what more can be desired : If this is destroyed where shall we look for a free government.

While the French nation was apparently pursuing measures for the promotion of liberty, they had the good wishes, at least, of a large proportion of the citizens of these United States ; but unfortunately for our country they have had much encouragement from the conduct of many citizens when it seemed almost impossible that any one should entertain an idea that the freedom of man was their object ; after they had prostrated governments once free and tyrannized over the citizens, and after it had become apparent that universal domination was its object. The conduct of those who rule over the French nation has for a long time been hostile to our own by their acts and intrigues, aided by the conduct of some of our own citizens our government has been traduced : attempts have been made and in some instances succeeded, in exciting unreasonable jealousies among the people, persuading them that they have a separate interest from

those whom they have elected to administer the government ; no services, however wise, faithful and disinterested, and however long continued, have been sufficient to secure some of our best citizens from calumny, and some of our own periodical publications seem to be prostituted to this purpose, I need only mention the attempts to abuse a WASHINGTON and an ADAMS.

Peace on honorable terms is undoubtedly the desire of all good citizens. The conduct of the President in sending three envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to the French republic, is full evidence of his opinion on this subject ; before the instructions given these envoys were made public, reports were circulated that the President had not a desire for peace ; and suspicions were excited that his instructions were not calculated for that purpose, but when they became public, it was acknowledged by the enemies of his administration that those reports and suspicions were without foundation ; the instructions are in the hands of many citizens and should be read by all ; it is difficult to imagine how they could have gone further without deeply wounding the interests and independence of our country. These extraordinary exertions having failed of the desired effect, it is not easy to discern what more can be done in this way.—Determined to preserve our rights as an independent nation, such measures will undoubtedly be taken by the general government as shall appear best calculated for that purpose, and I rejoice that the citizens of this State are so well united, and have given so many proofs by the official acts of the Legislature, and otherwise of their firm adherence to our national government ; confidence in its administration and determination to support it.

Presuming that a law establishing a new proportion of taxes will be passed the present session, and as it usually requires

requires a considerable time to determine the principles and prepare the bill, permit me to recommend an early attention to this subject.

The present state of the treasury will be laid before you, from which you will be enabled to determine what further measures may be necessary, respecting the finances of the State.

A letter from his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a Resolution of the Legislature, respecting an alteration in the Constitution of the General Government—also a letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Connecticut, and a Resolution of the Legislature of the same purport will be laid before you ; the subject is highly important and I doubt not will be duly considered.

Whatever bills you may think proper to pass will be attended to with candor, and it will be highly pleasing to me to unite with you in measures calculated to advance the welfare of our common country.

JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN,

State of New-Hampshire, Nov. 27, 1798.

A copy of which his Excellency gave to the President of the Senate, and another to the Speaker of the House, and then withdrew, and the Senate returned to their chamber.

Voted that Mr. Fogg, Mr. M'Clary, Mr. Hale and Mr. Blanchard be a committee to draught an answer to His Excellency's address.

The Senate met with the honorable House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned to their chamber, when the Secretary came in with a message from His Excellency the Governor,

— Governor, containing a letter from the Governor of the State of Massachusetts, and also a letter from the Governor of the State of Connecticut, with resolves of their respective States, respecting an alteration of the Constitution of the United States.

The Senate met again with the honorable House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned again to their chamber,

And

Voted that Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Hartwell be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to present to His Excellency the Governor for his approbation, all such acts and resolves as shall be passed the present session,

Sent down for concurrence, not concurred.

A bill intitled, an act to authorize sundry towns and districts which are not represented in the General Court, by reason of the disqualification of their members, by their accepting offices under the General Government, to call meetings for the choice of Representatives ; having been read a third time, was enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of John Taylor, in behalf of the proprietors of Morristown,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Thornton,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Nath'l Hubbard Dodge, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Samuel Furber and others, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of the inhabitants of Sharon, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to Wednesday the fifth day of December next,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown, and on the petition of Salah Howe, &c. be postponed to Tuesday next,
was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, November 28, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to wait on His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council, and inform them the Legislature will attend prayers in the Representatives'

sentatives' chamber the present session, at half past nine o'clock in the morning,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Eleazer Cummings,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hartwell appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Charles Peirce, printer, and the petition of Moses Davis, printer, and of all similar matters,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Fogg and Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Alstead, having been read a third time, voted that the same be enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Samuel Morrison,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Nathaniel Snow and others, committee from Bethlehem,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Tilton Bennett,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to report what method shall be adopted for informing the towns whose seats in the Legislature have become vacant, of such vacancy, and of the act passed respecting the filling up said vacancies,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote that the Secretary be directed to forward copies of the act lately passed to fill up vacancies in the General Court, occasioned by members accepting the office of assessors, to the several towns thus deprived of representation, as soon as possible,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Roswell Hubbard and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

The Senate met with the Hon. House, agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned to their chamber—When

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Benjamin

Philbrick

Philbrick and others, and similar petitions accompanying the same,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Joshua Shaw,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders and Mr. Hartwell appointed.

A bill intitled, an act to restore Nathaniel Hubbard Dodge to his law, having been read a third time was enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Samuel Furber and others, inhabitants of Rochester, praying to be incorporated with town privileges,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Jabez Parsons and Chauncey Curtis, and the petition from Cockburn and from Wales Gore, which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the hearing on the petition of Obed Hall in behalf of the town of Chatham, be postponed until to-morrow,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, November 29, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Joseph Gage and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hoit appointed

A resolve that Samuel Morrison have and receive out of the treasury of this State, *fifty-three dollars* in full for his account,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to procure printed a sufficient number of copies of the bill relating to proprietary matters,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hartwell appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Danbury,

was brought up, read and concurred,
Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Charles Johnson and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Flanders and Mr. Hartwell appointed.

Voted that the vote of the Senate, passed June 19, 1798, concurring a vote of the House, granting the prayer of the petition of John Sanborn, and giving him leave to bring

bring in a bill accordingly, be reconsidered,—And that the petition, with the vote of the House thereon, granting the prayer thereof, be sent down to the honorable House with a message, "that the Senate were willing to give a day of hearing," on said petition, a message was sent accordingly, which petition, &c. was brought up with a message from the honorable House, "that they adhere to the former vote ;" the vote of the House on said petition was then read and non-concurred.

The petition of the Baptist Society of Northwood, praying to be incorporated, with a vote of the House granting the prayer thereof, passed the last session,
was called up, read and concurred.

The Senate met with the honorable House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned to their chamber—When
A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Eleazer Cummings, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,
was brought up, read and concurred.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, November 30, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A BILL intitled, "an act to make perpetual an act making further provision for the administration of justice,"

justice," passed Feb. 12, 1794, having been read a third time, was enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of Rufus Graves, brigade inspector, and all similar accounts; also report on the propriety of their being intitled to pay for their services,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Randolph Freeman, for leave to assume and use the name Peyton, in addition to his christian name Randolph, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Landaff, for a tax of *three cents* per acre on the land in said town, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Obed Hall, in behalf of the inhabitants of Chatham, for leave to bring in a bill for a tax of *two and one half cents* per acre on all the land in said Chatham, public rights excepted,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Lyndeborough, having been read a third time, was enacted,

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Lytchfield and Merrimack library, having been read a third time, was enacted,

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Nath'l Hall and Jonathan Chase, jr.

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Tilton Bennett, for leave to bring in a bill for a grant to him of a ferry over Pemigewasset river,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Joshua Shaw, before the General Court on the fourth Wednesday of the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

The committee appointed to draught an answer to His Excellency's address reported the following, viz.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Senate of the State of New-Hampshire, with particular pleasure, meet your address at the opening of the present session of the legislature.

Assembled for the purpose of consulting the common good of our constituents, we contemplate with satisfaction the advantages we enjoy under a free Government, to render a people happy—the effects of which are so apparent in our present internal tranquility and union.

While

While we view the nation of France under the false pretext of establishing liberty amongst themselves, and other nations of the earth, tyranizing over the victims of their ambition ; unprovokedly and indiscriminately desolating cities, and overturning Governments, we cannot but prize the blessings of our own, and resolve at every hazard to defend it.

The Constitution of our General Government secures to us every privilege which a rational mind can desire, and is the admiration of the wisest politicians.

The intercourse of kind offices between the French nation and America, and the mutual services rendered each other for many years, had united them to us, in bonds of amity, which no inconsiderable cause could have broken ; and while the liberty and happiness of man appeared to us their only object, our good wishes attended them in every pursuit ; but avarice and power gaining ascendancy over honesty and reason, hurried them on to such wild extravagancies as astonished the most friendly nations and incurred our just resentment.

When we turn our attention to the long continued depredations on our commerce, the repeated insults to our government in the rejection of our Envoys, and the insidious measures pursued to divide and distract our councils, every tender feeling is extinguished ; but what better can we expect from a nation divested of piety and every moral sense, and whose creed is Atheism ? with such, friendship cannot be maintained, and solemn treaties are as idle tales.

It is to be lamented that any American citizen should take a part on the side of our enemies, to calumniate our favorite rulers and weaken the arm of government.

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—We lament also the abuse of that fundamental privilege in our Constitution, the liberty of the press ; but calumny when issuing from some particular periodical fountains and aimed at a WASHINGTON or an ADAMS, is praise : for such illustrious characters need only to be named to be admired ; whose wise and patriotic exertions from the commencement of our revolution to the present day, have uniformly tended to obtain and preserve our liberty and independence.

The measures pursued by the Executive of our General Government, in appointing and instructing Envoys with a view to operate a reconciliation between these United States and the French Republic, an evidence to us of superior wisdom and an ardent desire for peace ; and the effect of their negociation convincing that further attempts would prove fruitless. Nothing therefore remains but to place ourselves in a proper situation of defence, having no alternative but the ultimate argument of injured republics ; but in any event relying on the wisdom of our constituted authorities to dictate, we shall ever stand ready to co-operate with them for the general safety.

The important and interesting subjects contained in the communications from our neighbouring States, together with those which more immediately concern this, will meet our early and due attention, confident of your Excellency's readiness to unite with us in every measure conducive to the welfare of our common country—which report was accepted.—And

Voted that Mr. President Shepard, Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hartweil be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and present him with the foregoing answer to his address, made to both branches of the legislature the present session.

The committee waited on him accordingly.

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The committee appointed to take into consideration the act establishing an equitable method of making rates and taxes, &c. reported as follows :

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Polls from 18 to 70 years of age, (excepting those from 18 to 21 enrolled in the militia, instructors and students of Colleges, ordained ministers, preceptors of Academies, paupers and ideots,)	34
Orchard land on each acre,	25
Tillage land on each acre,	16
Mowing land each acre,	16
Pasture land on each acre,	7
Stallions and stud horses that have been wintered 5 winters,	5
Horses wintered 5 winters,	66
Horses wintered $\frac{4}{5}$ winters,	50
Horses wintered 3 winters,	34
Horses wintered 2 winters,	16
Oxen wintered 5 winters,	50
Cows wintered 5 winters,	34
All neat stock wintered 4 winters,	25
All neat stock wintered 3 winters,	16
All ditto wintered 2 winters,	8

All other rateable estate the same as stated in the act aforesaid.—Which report with

A vote that the same be received and accepted, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment—"that instructors of Colleges, and preceptors of Academies, shall not be exempt from taxation ;" sent down for concurrence,

brought up concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the existing

militia laws of this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. M'Clary and Mr. Leavitt appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Joseph Blanchard and Edwards Bucknam,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hartwell appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, December 1, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

VOTED that Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hartwell be a committee to inspect all bills that shall be brought up passed to be enacted.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of passing an act for punishing persons who shall counterfeit the current coin of this State, and if they judge proper to report a bill for that purpose,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote that Mr. Bettan, be added to the committee for taking into consideration the existing laws of this State,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled an act to incorporate that part of the town of Rochester, in the county of Strafford, commonly called the north west parish, into a separate town by the name of Farmington, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act to alter the name of the town of Raby, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Tyngborough and Dunstable library, having been read a third time, was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of Nath'l Snow and others, a committee from Bethlehem, before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred :

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the act regulating weights and measures, passed Dec. 9, 1797,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to nominate to this House six persons

sons out of whom three to be appointed to settle the ac-
counts between this State and the Treasurer thereof,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, December 3, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate
as they may appoint, to consider the petition of
Nathaniel Whittemore and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as
they may appoint, to take into consideration the law of
this State, for dividing the same into counties, and re-
port such alterations as they shall judge necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Mr. President Shepard, Mr. Fogg, Mr. Hoit, Mr.
Hartwell and Mr. Baker appointed.

A vote that the petition of Winthrop Robinson and
others, be referred to the committee on the petition of
Benjamin Philbrick and others,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as
they

they may appoint, to take into consideration the law of this State, intitled, an act for the better observation of the Lord's day,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders and Mr. Hartwell appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the subject matter of giving encouragement to an armourer or armourers to set up and pursue the business of armourers in this State,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Leavitt appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, December 4, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration that part of the act for taxing lands of non-residents, which respects collectors fees,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Mr. M'Clary appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what salaries shall be allowed the several officers of the civil list, also what allowance shall be made to the members of the Hon. Council,

cil, Senate and House of Representatives and their officers, for travel and attendance the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg and Mr. Orr appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the law of this State, for the preservation of deer,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Nath'l Hall and Jonathan Chase, jr. guardians unto Jonathan Chase, Esq. with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the towns of Middleton and Brookfield be classed, for the purpose of sending a Representative to the General Court in future,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the act, intitled, "an act directing the proceedings against the trustees of absconding debtors," and report such amendments or a new bill as to them shall appear necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A resolve that Nathan Taylor have and receive out of the treasury of this State, twelve dollars and fifty cents in full for his account,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Rufus Graves have and receive out of the

the treasury of this State, *thirty five dollars* in full of his account,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote that the petition of George Hough be referred to the committee on the petitions of Moses Davis and Charles Peirce,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of Henry Ranlet, and of all printers accounts that may be presented the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Orr appointed.

Mr. Hale came in and took his seat, making a full Senate.

The Senate met with the Hon. House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned to their chamber.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the act for taking affidavits out of court, and report such amendments or a new bill as to them shall appear necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hale appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, December 5, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE granting a hearing on the petition of John Taylor, before the General Court this day, was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Londonderry library, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act enabling Randolph Freeman, to assume the name of Peyton in addition to and next preceding his christian name Randolph, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Deborah Shackford,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration a statement of the Fire Arms belonging to this State, which have been lent to sundry persons, and receive such communications from the Commissary General, as he may make,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hoit appointed.

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The Senate met with the Hon. House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

The Senate returned to their chamber.

A bill intitled an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Pembroke library, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Concord library, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Dunbarton, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled an act to repeal an act intitled an act for the better preservation and increase of deer within this State, passed November the twenty fifth, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, December 6, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday;

Excepting Mr. Hoit.

A VOTE granting the prayer of the petition of Sarah Howe, for the grant of a ferry, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the determination on the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown be postponed to Thursday next, —and that Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Young and Mr. Jonathan Palmer be a committee on the part of the House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, at the expence of Pembroke, to view the situation of Pembroke together with the situation of several inhabitants of Allenstown and Chester, living near Merrimack river, and report thereon,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of William Sanborn and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Fogg and Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Samuel Blodgét, Esq.

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hartwell appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of James Dow and others,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Ephraim and Phœbe Root,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what method they shall judge most eligible to be pursued in examining the returns of rateable estate, and determining the value at which each town shall stand,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote that the petition of John Taylor be referred to the committee on the petition of Roswell Hubbard,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled, an act authorizing Nathaniel Hall and Jonathan Chase, jr. to dispose of a part of the real estate of Jonathan Chase, Esq. having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hale be a committee to join with such of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to take into consideration the expediency of having the unlocated lands belonging to this State, surveyed and laid out into townships, and the quantity and quality thereof made known, and

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to report what method shall be taken by the State for that purpose,—sent down for concurrence brought up concurred, and Mr. White, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Bedel joined.

A vote that the guns, bayonets, &c. now in the hands of President Wheelock, remain there until the Commissary General shall think it necessary to call for them, and that the Commissary General be directed to collect all other guns, bayonets and military apparatus of any kind belonging to this State, from the several persons they have been loaned to, in such manner as he shall judge most expedient, and that he report his proceedings there-in at the next session of the General Court,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that the report of the committee to take into consideration the act for taking affidavits out of court, be received and accepted, viz. that no alteration in said act is necessary,

was brought up, read and concurred,

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Marlow, also the petition of Aaron Matson and others, likewise the petition of Elijah Frink,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Samuel Blodgett, for an incorporation of the proprietors of Blodgett's canal, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they

they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Springfield,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hale appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday, December 7, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE that in order to determine the value at which each town shall stand in the inventory, it will be expedient for the Legislature to go into a committee of the whole,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote for a committee to consider the petition of Joseph Bell,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a prison for the use of this State, somewhat similar to one mentioned in Trumbull's account of Philadelphia prison,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hale, Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Baker and Mr. Whitcomb appointed.

The Senate met with the Hon. House in committee of the whole, to determine the value at which each town shall stand in the inventories, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of John Porter,

was brought up, read and concurred:
Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Weare, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, "an act, in addition to an act for laying a tax on the lands in Danbury, to be laid out in repairing a road in said town," passed June the sixteenth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Joseph Bell be allowed the sum of *thirty dollars* and paid out of the treasury of this State,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote that the Hon. Samuel Livermore be elected a Senator, to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from and after the fourth day of March next, was brought up and read, and ordered that the consideration of the question for concurrence be postponed until Tuesday next.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, December 8, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A VOTE granting the prayer of the petition of James and Thomas Dow, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of John Porter, was brought up, read and ordered to lay on the table for consideration.

The Senate met with the Honorable House in committee of the whole, on the examination of and to determine the value at which each town shall stand in the inventories.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, December 10, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday, excepting Mr. Blanchard.

THE Senate met with the Honorable House in committee of the whole, on the further examination in
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committee of the inventories, and to determine the value at which each town shall stand.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, December 11, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday, excepting Mr. Flanders.

Mr. Blanchard came in and took his seat.

THE Senate met with the Honorable House in committee of the whole, to proceed in the further examination of the inventories, and to determine the value at which each town shall stand, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber and ordered that the consideration of the vote for a Senator to Congress be further postponed until Friday next,

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, December 12, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

MR. Flanders and Mr. Hoit attending, making a full Senate.

The Senate met with the Honorable House in committee of the whole, to proceed in the further examination of the inventories, and to determine the value at which each town shall stand, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday, December 13, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

AVOTE that the hearing on the petition of Joshua Shaw, which was to have been yesterday before the General Court, be postponed until this day, was brought up, read and concurred.

The Senate met with the Honorable House in committee of the whole, on the further examination of the inventories, &c.

The Senate also met with the Hon. House agreeably to the order of the day for public hearings.

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A vote granting a day of hearing on the petition of the selectmen of Marlow, also the petition of Aaron Matson and others, and also the petition of Elijah Frink, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, December 14, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A BILL intituled, an act to vest in Tilton Bennet, his heirs and assigns for the term of forty years, unless the Legislature shall judge proper to grant liberty for building a bridge within said limits, the sole and exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Pemigewasset river, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intituled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Salisbury, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intituled, an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the library in Salem, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of Joshua Shaw, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly, was brought up, read and concurred.

The vote appointing a Senator to Congress was called

called up, and ordered that the consideration thereof be further postponed until Friday next.

The Senate met with the honorable House in committee of the whole, to proceed in the further examination of the inventories, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday, December 15, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A MESSAGE from the honorable House by Mr. Plumer.

“Mr. President, the House of Representatives have passed a bill, intitled, an act in addition to the laws relating to proprietary matters, in which they desire the concurrence of the Senate,” and he withdrew.

A vote so far granting the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown, as that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill to extend the east boundary line of Pembroke, adjoining on Allenstown, to the easterly side of Suncook river,

was brought up, read and concurred.

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The Senate met with the honorable House in committee of the whole, on the further examination of inventories, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber.

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock P. M.

Monday, December 17, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as on Saturday, excepting Mr. Hale.

A RESOLVE that Francis Blood, jr. inspector of the fourth brigade, have and receive out of the Treasury of this State, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, in full of his account,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

The Senate met with the honorable House in committee of the whole on the further examination of the inventories, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber, and

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, December 18, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

THE Senate met with the honorable House in committee of the whole, on the further examination of the inventories, &c.

The Senate returned to their chamber.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of Jonathan Jackson and John Bromfield,

was brought up, read and concurred;

Mr. Fogg appointed.

The Senate met again with the honorable House in committee of the whole, to proceed in the further examination of the inventories, &c.

The Senate returned, and

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, December 19, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday, excepting Mr. Leavitt.

THE Senate met with the honorable House, in committee of the whole, on the further examination of the inventories—and having determined upon and compleated the whole, the committee rose and the Senate returned to their chamber.

The Senate resumed the third reading of the bill intitled, "an act in addition to the laws relating to proprietary mattters," and on motion that the same be enacted, it was determined in the affirmative,—yeas 7—nays 3.

The yeas and nays being required were as follows:—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. BLANCHARD,	Mr. President SHEPARD,
Mr. M'CLARY,	Mr. FOGG,
Mr. HOIT,	Mr. WHITCOMB.
Mr. ORR,	
Mr. HARTWELL,	
Mr. FLANDERS,	
Mr. BAKER,	

So it was enacted. Presented and approved.

The report of the committee on the inventories with a vote, that the report with the amendments of the committee of the whole, be received and accepted, and that the committee who cast the inventories be requested to take

take said report and make the alterations conformably thereto, and report the sum at which each town or place stands, or may stand after said alterations are made, was brought up, read and considered : a motion was made that *money at interest* should be struck out of the list, which did not prevail. On motion that the vote of the House accepting the report of the committee of the whole, be concurred ; it was determined in the affirmative—yeas 7 —nays 3.

The yeas and nays being required were as follows :

YEAS.

Mr. President SHEPARD,
Mr. BLANCHARD,
Mr. M'CLARY,
Mr. ORR,
Mr. HARTWELL,
Mr. WHITCOMB,
Mr. BAKER.

NAYS.

Mr. FOGG,
Mr. HOIT,
Mr. FLANDERS.

So it was concurred.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of G. W. Livermore and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Hoit appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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Thursday,

Thursday, December 20, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

MR. Leavitt, and Mr. Hale came in and took their seats, making a full Senate.

A bill intitled, "an act for altering the time of holding the annual town meeting in the town of Northwood," having been read a third time, was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, "an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Lempster," having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for taxing land in the town of Landaff, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act granting to Joshua Shaw a new trial in a certain action, heretofore determined by referees, between said Shaw and Thomas Fellows, having been read a third time, was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote granting a day of hearing on the petition of Nathaniel Whittemore, Thomas Russell, jun. and John M'Duffee, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of their next session, praying for the exclusive privilege of building a bridge over Connecticut river, at a certain place,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that the account of Ozias Silsby, amounting to six dollars and seventy cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Presented and approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, December 21, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

THIS being the day appointed to take into consideration the vote appointing the Honorable Sam'l Livermore, Esquire, a Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from and after the fourth day of March next—the vote was called up and on motion that it be concurred, and the ballots being taken and counted, it was determined in the affirmative—yeas 8 : nays 4.

The yeas and nays being required were as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. BLANCHARD,
Mr. LEAVITT,
Mr. M'CLARY,
Mr. HOIT,
Mr. ORR,
Mr. HARTWELL,
Mr. WHITCOMB,
Mr. BAKER,

NAYS.

Mr. President SHEPARD,
Mr. FOGG,
Mr. HALE,
Mr. FLANDERS.

So it was concurred.

A bill intitled, an act to extend the easterly and southerly line of the town of Pembroke, in the county of Rockingham, adjoining upon Allenstown, to the easterly and southerly bank of Suncook river, an objection being

made to the preamble to said bill, the Senate proposed a substitute and sent down by message to the Honorable House, to which the House agreed and passed, and it being brought up, was read a third time and enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the escheat act and report thereon, also report with respect to the power therein given to the attorney general and particularly to define the same,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the account of the selectmen of Conway,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of David Webster, Esquire, and of all Sheriffs accounts that may be presented the present session,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the petition of David Williams,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Orr appointed.

A bill intituled, an act to incorporate Samuel Blodgett, Esq. and others, his associates, with the exclusive right and privilege of cutting a canal by Amoskeig falls on Merrimack river, and locking the same, was brought up and read a third time, and on motion that the same be enacted, it was determined in the affirmative, yeas 8: nays 3.

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The yeas and nays being required were as follows :

YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. President SHEPARD,	Mr. ORR,
Mr. LEAVITT,	Mr. WHITCOMB,
Mr. FOGG,	Mr. BAKER.
Mr. BLANCHARD,	
Mr. HALE,	
Mr. HOIT,	
Mr. HARTWELL,	
Mr. M'CLARY.	

So it was enacted. Presented and approved.

Mr. Orr requested liberty to enter his objections to the passing of the bill on the journals, which was granted, and are as follows, viz..

In the preamble of Mr. Elodgett's bill it is asserted, that "he has nearly compleated the great work of opening and cutting a canal by Amoskeig falls," which assertion is not well founded.

In the 5th enacting clause, he and his associates are authorized to build a wharf or dam half way across the river, which (as the current runs in the time of a freshet) will inclose the principal part of all the loose lumber which may be turned into the river above Amoskeig, and thereby obstruct the passage of logs and masts, to the damage of such as may be interested in that business, as all such timber, unless attended by the owner or his agent, will be subjected to double toll, to be taken at the option of the proprietors of the canal.

In the paragraph which specifies the rates of toll, *seventeen cents* per ton is allowed for pine timber general-

ly, if attended by the owner, otherwise *forty cents* per ton, which will amount to more than one third of the value of the timber at the foot of the canal.

For masts, *seventeen cents* is allowed for every inch of their diameter, which, for a 15 inch mast will amount to, (nearly) one third part of its value at the foot of the canal.

JOHN ORR.

December 21, 1798.

A resolve that the account of John Calfe, Esquire, amounting to *twenty-one dollars* and *eighty-nine cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote that the towns of Bridgwater and Alexandria be classed, and the towns of New-Chester and Danbury be also classed, for the purpose of sending a Representative to the General Court, and that a resolve be brought in for that purpose,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Voted that Mr. Hoit be added to the committee to consider the subject matter of giving encouragement to armourers, &c.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what business is necessary to be done the present session, when this Court may adjourn, and where the General Court shall meet in June next,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hale appointed.

A vote that Mr. Bettan be one of the committee to nominate

nominate a committee to settle with the Treasurer, in the room of Mr. Langdon, who is absent,
was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled, "an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Marlborough library," having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of Daniel Warner, Esquire,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hoit appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the propriety of having an accurate survey made of the several town lines, with the principal roads and rivers in each town in the State of New-Hampshire, for the purpose of drawing a correct map of said State, was brought up, read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday, December 22, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

A RESOLVE that the towns of New-Chester and Danbury be classed to send a Representative, and also

also the towns of Bridgwater and Alexandria be classed to send a Representative to the General Court in future, was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of William Hale, Esquire, and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A bill intitled, "an act to vest in Salah Howe, his heirs and assigns, the privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of Connecticut river," having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Orr and Mr. Hale be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the honorable House of Representatives as they may appoint, to make a proportion to every thousand dollars of the public taxes, which each town, parish or place, within this State, shall annually pay—sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred; Mr. Bettan, Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. Alcock, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. N. Parker appointed.

A vote granting a day of hearing on the petition of John Porter, Esquire, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of the proprietors of Piscataqua bridge, praying that said bridge and the lands and buildings now appertaining to it, may be

be exempted from taxes, with leave to bring in a bill accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report a bill directing the proportion each town shall raise for the support of schools in this State,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hale appointed.

Adjourned until Monday next, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Monday, December 24, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Prefent as on Saturday.

A VOTE for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to procure five hundred printed copies of the laws of the United States for raising and collecting a tax on houses and lands, &c. in the said United States, and lay the same before the House as soon as may be,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Fogg appointed.

A vote that the account of Daniel Warner, Esquire, amounting to *thirty-seven dollars and forty-two cents*, be allowed and paid out of the money appropriated by the General Court at their last session, for furnishing the militia of this State with brass field pieces, and that a resolve pass accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that the account of William Plumer, Esq; amounting to *five dollars*, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Thomas Leavitt, Esq; amounting to *five dollars*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Joseph Dow, brigade inspector, have and receive out of the treasury of this State *twenty-three dollars*, in full of his account, was brought up read, and sent back with a message that he receive *twenty-seven dollars*, instead of *twenty-three dollars*, and that a resolve pass accordingly—brought up with a message that the House adhere to the former vote, and do not consent to the alteration proposed..

A bill intitled, an act in addition to, and also to explain part of an act, intitled, “an act to establish the fees of collectors, in the sale of non-resident lands for taxes,” passed December 15, 1796,

was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A resolve that the account of Richard Kimball and Noah Eastman, selectmen of Conway, amounting to *twelve dollars*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report in what manner the public

acts passed the present session shall be distributed to the several towns,

was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. M'Clary appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, December 25, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

THE resolve for the payment of *twenty three dollars* to Joseph Dow, was called up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Daniel Warner, Esq. amounting to *thirty seven dollars and forty two cents*, be allowed and paid out of the money appropriated by the General Court at their last session, for furnishing the militia of this State, with brass field pieces,
was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A bill intituled an act to further postpone the operation of an act, intituled an act to regulate scale beams, steel-yards, weights and measures, passed the twelfth day of December 1797, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intituled, an act giving Samuel Gibson and others

thers leave to draw seines near Natticook brook, and to prevent in some degree the operation of an act, intitled an act to prevent the destruction of salmon, shad and alewives in Merrimack river, and for repealing all the laws heretofore made for that purpose, passed Dec. 20, 1797, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Merrimack library, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

Voted that Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Hoit and Mr. Orr be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the Honorable House of Representatives as they may appoint, to nominate some one gentleman of the clergy to be appointed to preach an election sermon before the General Court in June next,

Sent down for concurrence,

brought up concurred :

Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Young and Mr. Connor appointed.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of James Buntten and others,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Flanders appointed.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, December 26, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A RESOLVE that Joshua Atherton, Esquire, have and receive out of the treasury of this State, the sum of *two hundred and fifty dollars* as a salary as Attorney General, from June 1798 to June 1799, was brought up, read and concurred with this amendment, "that he be allowed *three hundred and thirty-four dollars*, instead of the sum of *two hundred and fifty dollars*, sent down for concurrence, brought up with a message that the House adhere to the former vote—whereupon voted that the amendment be reconsidered and the resolve concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the laws of this State, relative to paupers,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Blanchard appointed.

A resolve that the members of the Honorable Council, Senate and House of Representatives receive *two dollars* per day each, for their attendance the present session; the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Clerk and Deputy Secretary, *two dollars and fifty cents* each per day, the Honorable Council when meeting in the recess of the General Court, *two dollars and fifty cents* per day each for their attendance; and that the members of the Honorable Council, Senate, House of Representatives and their officers receive *eight cents* per mile for travel to and from Court, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up and certify the rolls accordingly; and that the Clerk be allowed one day extra for making up the rolls of the House,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Oliver Peabody, Esquire, have and receive out of the treasury of this State, *eight hundred dollars* salary as Treasurer of this State, from June 1798 to June 1799, which is to be considered in full for salary, office hire, stationary, &c.

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Joseph Pearson, Esquire, have and receive out of the treasury of this State, *four hundred dollars* salary as Secretary, from June 1798, to June 1799, which is to be considered in full for salary, office hire, stationary, &c.

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that George Gains, Esq. have and receive out of the treasury *forty dollars* for a salary as Commissary General, from June 1798 to June 1799,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act to exempt Piscataqua bridge, &c. from taxes, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the North-Hampton library, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Kensington, having had three several readings passed to be enacted,

Sent down for concurrence—concurred.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for making and establishing a new proportion of public taxes among the several towns, parishes

parishes and places within this State, and to authorize the Treasurer to issue his warrants for levying the same annually, having been read a third time was enacted.

Prefented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes, having been read a third time was enacted. Prefented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Nathaniel Weare, amounting to *five dollars* be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred.

Prefented and approved.

A vote that the Rev. Seth Payson of Rindge, be and hereby is appointed to preach an election sermon before the General Court in June next, and that His Excellency the Governor is desired to give him notice of said appointment, was brought up, read and concurred.

A vote that James Sheafe, John Prentice and John Calfe, Esquires, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, in the recess of the General Court, and report thereon at the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 26th, 1798.

RESOLVED, That the Senators and Representatives of this State, be, and they hereby are requested to use their best endeavors, that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the several States, the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, viz.

That the Electors of President and Vice-President, in giving in their votes, shall respectively distinguish the person whom they desire to be President, from the one they desire to be Vice-President, by annexing the words, President, or Vice-President, as the case may require, to

the proper name voted for. And the person having the greatest number of votes for Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors chosen, shall be Vice-President: And if there be no choice, and two or more persons shall have the highest number of votes, and those equal, the Senate shall immediately choose by ballot one of them for Vice-President: And if no person have a majority, then from the five highest on the list, the Senate shall, in like manner, choose the Vice-President. But in choosing the Vice-President, the votes shall be taken by States, the Senators from each State having one vote, a quorum for this purpose, shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a majority of all the States, shall be necessary to a choice: And in case the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, shall find that the aforesaid amendment is not conformable to the sentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the National Legislature, they are hereby requested so to modify the same as to meet the sentiments of such majority.—Provided however, that any amendment which may be agreed upon, shall oblige the Electors to designate the person they desire to be President from the one whom they desire may be Vice-President.

Resolved further, that His Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is requested to communicate the foregoing Resolve to the Supreme Executive of the several States, and also to transmit the same to the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

which resolve was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DEC. 26th, 1798.

RESOLVED, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States

States, be, and they hereby are requested to use their best endeavors that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the several States, the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, viz.

That (in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by said Constitution) no person shall be eligible as President or Vice-President of the United States ; nor shall any person be a Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of Independence, and shall have continued either to reside within the same, or to be employed in its service from that period to the time of his election.

Provided nevertheless, that in case the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, shall find that the amendment above proposed is not perfectly conformable to the sentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the National Legislature, they are hereby empowered and requested so to modify the same as to meet the sentiments of such majority. Provided however, that any amendment which may be agreed upon, shall exclude from the office of President and Vice-President, any person who is not a natural born citizen, or a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of Independence as aforesaid ; and shall also exclude from a seat in either branch of Congress, any person who shall not have been actually naturalized at the time of making this amendment, and have been admitted a citizen of the United States fourteen years, at least, at the time of such election.

Resolved, that His Excellency the Governor be requested forthwith to transmit the same to the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress :—And

also transmit the same to the Supreme Executives of the several States,

which resolve was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A resolve that His Excellency, John Taylor Gilman, Esquire, have and receive out of the Treasury of this State, *twelve hundred dollars*, as a salary from June 1798 to June 1799, and that he take order accordingly,

was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Tuf-tonborough, to tax all the lands in said town, as unimproved lands for a certain purpose, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Thursday, December 27, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

VOTED that Mr. Hoit, Mr. Blanchard & Mr. Hale be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the Hon. House of Representatives, as they may appoint, to take into consideration, the propriety of making a grant to His Excellency the Governor, to compensate him for the money paid by him for the expences of the Indians, &c. And also for his extra expence in reviewing the militia of this State, the present year, &c: and to report what sum shall be allowed for that purpose, sent down for concurrence, brought up concurred: Mr. Bettan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Mooney appointed.

Voted

Voted that Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hoit be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the Hon. House of Representatiyes, as they may appoint, to consider the propriety of taxing dogs in this State, and report a bill for that purpose if they think proper,

Sent down for concurrence.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of Jacob Abbot, Esq. was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Flanders appointed.

A resolve that the Rev. Mr. M'Farland, have and receive out of the treasury of this State, *fifteen dollars*, for officiating as Chaplain to the General Court the present session, was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Moses Kelley, Esq. amounting to *twenty-two dollars and seventeen cents*, be allowed and paid out of the Treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that David Webster, Esq. receive out of the treasury of this State, *forty-five dollars and fifty-one cents*, in full of his account,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, "an act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Chichester," having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for incorporating a certain tract of land known by the name of Campbells Gore, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

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A vote that the General Court which by the Constitution, are to meet on the first Wednesday in June next, meet at Concord, was brought up, read and concurred.

A resolve that Phebe Root, be allowed and paid out of the treasury of this State, *four hundred and fifteen dollars and ninety cents*, for back interest,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Samuel Bragg, jr. be allowed and paid out of the treasury, *forty-two dollars*, in full of his account, was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Henry Ranlet, amounting to *ten dollars*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred,

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of John Melcher, amounting to *seventy-four dollars* be allowed & paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred,

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act in addition to, and alteration of the militia laws now in force in this State, was brought up read and the following amendment proposed, "That all complaints against commanding officers of companies for neglecting to call their companies together, as the law directs shall be made to an officer superior in rank to him complained of, which superior officer shall be judge of the merits of the complaint, and the propriety of a prosecution, and in case such superior officer shall judge that the good of the service may require it, he and no other person may prosecute," which amendment was sent down for acceptance.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they

they may appoint, to consider the petition of James M'Gregore, for George Reid and self,

was brought up, read and concurred :

Mr. Hoit appointed.

A resolve that the account of Nath'l Parker amounting to *thirteen dollars and thirty cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Jacob Abbott, Esquire, amounting to *thirty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents* be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote granting a hearing on the petition of sundry inhabitants of part of Chester and part of Allenstown (praying to be annexed to Pembroke) before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session,

was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intitled an act against gaming at Billiards, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act enabling the Treasurer of the county of Hillsborough, for the time being to rectify certain mistakes in the proportion act, passed Dec. 26th, 1798, having been read a third time, passed to be enacted:—sent down for concurrence—concurred.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act for taxing land in the town of Chatham, having been read a third time was enacted.

Presented and approved.

A bill intitled, an act in addition to and alteration of the militia laws now in force in this State, passed agreeably to the amendment proposed by the Senate, was brought

brought up, and having been read a third time was enacted.
Presented and approved.

A bill intituled, an act relative to the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Strafford, having been read a third time was enacted.
Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of David Hall, amounting to *twelve dollars and fifty cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury : was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Nath'l Weare, amounting to *three dollars*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and concurred.
Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to consider the account of Caleb Buswell and all accounts of a similar nature,
was brought up, read and concurred :
Mr. Orr appointed.

A resolve that the account of Ephraim Pickering, amounting to *three dollars* be allowed and paid out of the treasury, was brought up, read and ordered that it lay over to the next session.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of James M'Gregore, was brought up, read and non-concurred.

A vote that the Secretary be desired to distribute the laws passed the present session in the same manner as the laws were that passed November session 1797, and that the Secretary direct and send a copy for each Member and each town, was brought up, read and concurred.

A bill intituled, an act for the better regulation of schools

schools within this State, and for repealing all the laws now in force respecting the same, having been read a third time, was enacted. Presented not approved.

A resolve that George Hough be allowed and paid out of the treasury the sum of *seven dollars*, in full of his account, was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Josiah Nelson amounting to *one hundred and one dollars and thirteen cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Robert B. Wilkins amounting to *sixty-eight dollars and forty-five cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that the account of Caleb Buswell amounting to *one hundred and thirteen dollars and four cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A resolve that Michael M'Clary, Esq. be allowed *one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-two cents*, in full of his account,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, December 28, 1798.

Met according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

A RESOLVE that the account of Joseph Pearson, Esq. amounting to *four dollars and fifty cents*, be allowed and paid out of the treasury,

was brought up, read and concurred.

Presented and approved.

A vote for a committee to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the business of the present session is compleated, and that the Legislature are now ready to be adjourned to the last Wednesday in May next; then to meet at Concord,

was brought up, read and concurred:

Mr. Hoit, Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hartwell appointed.

The committee waited on His Excellency accordingly.

The Deputy Secretary came in with a message from His Excellency the Governor, informing the Senate that His Excellency, with advice of Council, had thought fit to adjourn the General Court, agreeably to their vote for that purpose; until the last Wednesday in May next, then to meet at Concord; they were adjourned accordingly.

